

## **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION**

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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**BOB STUMP - Chairman** 

SUSAN BITTER SMITH

CATHARON SOFTWARE CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation.

BETSY A. FEINBERG and MICHAEL A. FEINBERG, husband and wife.

Respondents.

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(Schedules Telephonic Procedural Conference)

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 26, 2014, the Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") filed a Temporary Order to Cease and Desist and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("T.O. and Notice") against Catharon Software Corporation ("Catharon"), and Betsy A. Feinberg and Michael A. Feinberg, husband and wife (collectively "Respondents"), in which the Division alleged multiple violations of the Arizona Securities Act ("Act") in connection with the offer and sale of securities in the form of common stock.

The Respondents were duly served with copies of the T.O. and Notice.

On March 14, 2014, Respondents filed an Answer to Temporary Order to Cease and Desist and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Request for Hearing.

On March 17, 2014, by Procedural Order, a pre-hearing conference was scheduled for April 10, 2014.

On April 10, 2014, at the pre-hearing conference, the Division and Respondents appeared through counsel. Counsel for the Division requested that a hearing be scheduled for at least two weeks beginning in October 2014. Counsel for the Division further requested leave to file an Amended Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, if necessary. Respondents had no objections to these requests.

On April 14, 2014, at the request of the parties, a telephonic status conference was held and the parties appeared through counsel. Counsel for the Respondents requested that the hearing be scheduled in November 2014. Counsel for the Division did not object to this request. Counsel for the Respondents agreed to file an acknowledgement regarding potential conflicts of interest.

On April 15, 2014, a Procedural Order was issued scheduling a hearing to commence on November 3, 2014. The parties were further ordered to set aside subsequent days for additional days of hearing, if necessary. The Respondents were ordered to file an acknowledgement regarding potential conflicts of interest by May 14, 2014. The Division was ordered to file any amendments to the T.O. and Notice by June 2, 2014.

On April 28, 2014, the Respondents filed their Acknowledgment and Waiver of Potential Conflicts of Interests.

On June 2, 2014, the Division filed an Amended Temporary Order to Cease and Desist and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

On June 19, 2014, counsel, on behalf of Respondent Catharon, filed a Stipulation to Admission of Records. Pursuant to the stipulation, counsel for Catharon agreed that "the records delivered to the Securities Division of the Arizona Corporation Commission pursuant to the three (3) Subpoenas Duces Tecum dated January 3, 2014 (collectively the "Records") may be entered and admitted into evidence at any proceeding in [this] matter without any evidentiary foundation." Counsel for Catharon further waived any objection to the admission of the "Records" in this matter.

On June 20, 2014, the Division filed a Motion for Status Conference Regarding Subpoena Enforcement Action. In its motion, the Division asserted that it had filed a subpoena enforcement action in Maricopa County Superior Court. The Division stated that on June 19, 2014, "Judge Cunanan ordered the parties to have a conference with the Administrative Law Judge to see if the parties can agree to resolve the issue in the subpoena enforcement action pending before Judge Cunanan." The Division noted that "Judge Cunanan acknowledged that he, and not the Administrative Law Judge, has the jurisdiction to decide and resolve the subpoena enforcement action" and that he scheduled a hearing for August 1, 2014, should the parties be unable to resolve the matter before the Administrative Law Judge. The Division stated that "Judge Cunanan directed

the parties to appear before the Administrative Law Judge during the weeks of June 23-27 or June 30-July 3, 2014." The Division further expressed that it considered Catharon's June 19, 2014 stipulation to be "unsatisfactory and unacceptable".

On June 23, 2014, by Procedural Order, a status conference was scheduled to commence on June 30, 2014.

On June 24, 2014, the Respondents filed a Response to Securities Division's Motion for Status Conference Regarding Subpoena Enforcement Action and an Answer to Amended Temporary Order to Cease and Desist and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Request for Hearing. Regarding the status conference, the Respondents requested to appear telephonically and further requested that the hearing be opened at the status conference. The Respondents also included another form of the Stipulation to Admission of Records.

On June 26, 2014, a telephonic procedural conference was held to address the Respondents' request for telephonic appearance at the June 30, 2014 status conference. The parties appeared through counsel. Without objection from the Division, the Respondents were permitted to attend the June 30, 2014 status conference telephonically. However, counsel for the Respondents stated they might appear in person.

On June 30, 2014, a status conference was held. At the status conference, the Division and the Respondents were represented by counsel. The parties were afforded an opportunity to summarize the events leading up to the Division's subpoena enforcement action in Maricopa County Superior Court and the proceedings therein. The Respondents moved to admit 13,256 pages of documents that had been provided to the Division in response to the Division's subpoenas. The merits of opening the hearing for admission of documents at this time were discussed on the record. Even if the documents were admitted, the Division stated its intention to proceed with the subpoena enforcement action. The Division expressed concerns over the completeness of the Respondents' production pursuant to the subpoena. Supporting these concerns, the Division disclosed to the Respondents an independently obtained patent assignment that the Division believed should have been disclosed pursuant to the subpoena. After discussion of the issue, the Division objected to opening the hearing and to admitting documents at this time. The Administrative Law Judge denied

Respondents' motions to open the hearing and to admit the documents. The parties were encouraged to further discuss the possibility of resolving the question of admission of documents in the hearing through a mutually acceptable stipulation.

On July 3, 2014, by Procedural Order, the hearing remained scheduled to commence on November 3, 2014.

On October 6, 2014, the Division filed a Securities Division's List of Witnesses and Documentary Evidence. Additionally, the Division filed a Securities Division's Motion to Allow Telephonic Testimony. Also, the Respondents filed a Witness List and an Exhibit List.

A scheduling conflict impacts the availability of a hearing room at the Commission's offices on dates previously reserved for additional days of hearing in this matter. Specifically, November 12-14, and 17-21, 2014, may no longer be available for additional days of hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a **telephonic procedural conference shall be held on October 15, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.** The parties shall be prepared to discuss options for rescheduling, in whole or in part, the hearing currently scheduled to commence on November 3, 2014. The parties are encouraged to discuss mutually agreeable scheduling alternatives prior to the telephonic procedural conference on October 15, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on the date of and at least five minutes before the time set for the procedural conference, Respondents and/or Respondents' counsel shall call 1 (800) 689-9374, passcode 415962#, from a landline telephone, to participate telephonically in the procedural conference. The Division shall appear telephonically in the same manner.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing currently remains scheduled to commence on November 3, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Hearing Room No. 1, Phoenix, Arizona.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall also set aside November 4, 10, 12-14, 17-21, and 24-26, 2014, for additional days of hearing, if necessary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the parties reach a resolution of the issues raised in the Notice prior to the hearing, the Division shall file a Motion to Vacate the Proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113-Unauthorized 1 Communications) is in effect and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision in this 2 3 matter is final and non-appealable. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Rules 31 and 38 of the Rules 4 of the Arizona Supreme Court and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission 5 pro hac vice. 6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal or representation must be made in compliance 7 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Rule 42 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court). Representation before the Commission includes appearances at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is 10 scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the 11 12 Administrative Law Judge or the Commission. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, 13 amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by 14 15 ruling at hearing. DATED this day of October, 2014. 16 17 18 MARK PRENY 19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 20 Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered this 6 day of October, 2014, to: 21 Bruce R. Heurlin COASH & COASH, INC. 22 Court Reporting, Video and Thomas C. Piccioli Videoconferencing HEURLIN SHERLOCK 1802 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street 23 1636 N. Swan Road, Suite 200 Phoenix, AZ 85006 Tucson, AZ 85712 24 Attorneys for Respondents 25 Matthew Neubert, Director **Securities Division** 26 ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION Rebecca Unquera 1300 West Washington Street Assistant to Mark Preny 27 Phoenix, AZ 85007

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